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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SREF
SUBJECT: IRC PROGRAM IN THAILAND

REF: (A) STATE 030007; (B) GENEVA 0863

1. VIEWS EXPRESSED REF A CONCERNING IRC PROGRAM IN THAILAND HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO UNHCR. MISSION WILL REPORT THEIR REACTION. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH BOTH IRC AND UNHCR IN PREPARATION FOR DEVECCHI'S VISIT.

2. MISSION HAS ALSO RECEIVED UNHCR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 8 WHICH REPORTS UNHCR BANGKOK REACTION TO PROPOSAL FOR SUPPORT OF IRC ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND BY UNHCR AS FOLLOWS.

3. UNHCR BANGKOK HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN ATTEMPTING TO INCREASE THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE THAI MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN THE MEDICAL CARE OF INDOCHINESE IN THAILAND. FROM THE OUTSET, IT SOUGHT TO IMPRESS UPON THAI AUTHORITIES THAT MEDICAL CARE OF THE D.P.S, AT LEAST AT THE SAME LEVEL AS AVAILABLE TO THE LOCAL POPULATION, WAS ITS RESPONSIBILITY. THUS, WHILE HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES COULD BE FINANCED THROUGH UNHCR AS NECESSARY, THE
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EXECUTION OF THAT CARE IS A THAI RESPONSIBILITY. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WAS OFTEN EMPHASIZED BY UNHCR BANGKOK THAT AN EPIDEMIC COULD NOT BE CONFINED TO THE D.P. CENTERS AND THAT PREVENTIVE MEDICAL CARE WAS IN THE INTEREST OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN MOST DIFFICULT TO INTEGRATE THESE CENTERS INTO THE RURAL HEALTH SYSTEMS. UNHCR BANGKOK FEELS

THAT THE PROPOSAL CONCERNING IRC MIGHT WELL BE SEEN
BY THE THAI MINISTRY OF HEALTH AS FINAL CONFIRMATION
THAT MEDICAL CARE FOR THE REFUGEES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ALONE. IT FEELS THAT,
IN GENERAL, IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS IF VOLAG
HEALTH PROGRAMS WERE IN SUPPORT OF, RATHER THAN
REPLACING, THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE DEPARTMENT'S
REACTION TO THE FOREGOING ARGUMENTATION ON THE SUBJECT
PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF MR. DEVECCHI'S CONVERSATIONS
WITH UNHCR ON FEBRUARY 14. CATTO

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